AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY WARNER'S PLANT LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF TEST BORINGS AND DIKE EVALUATION AT THE WARNER'S PLANT IMPOUNDS

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1. INTRODUCTION

In June 1981, a preliminary report on the permeability of the alum sludge at the American Cyanamid Warner's Plant impounds was prepared by M. Disko Associates. The surface sludge field density ranged from 36 to 82 lbs/ft. and the permeability ranged from 1×10^{-4} to 1×10^{-6} cm/sec. Although the results indicated that the sludge is relatively impermeable, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regulations consider 10^{-7} cm/sec as the requirement for an impermeable liner.

In September 1981, a preliminary report of soil borings and measurement of permeabilities of sludge and underlying soils was prepared by M. Disko Associates. Permeability tests were performed on samples of sludge taken at depths of 1 to 2 feet above the sludge/soil interface, and on samples of the underlying silt layer. The coefficients of permeability of the sludge samples at the bottom of the impounds range from 8 x 10^{-5} to 6 x 10^{-6} cm/sec, and the permeability coefficients for the subsurface silt samples range from 6 x 10^{-6} to 2×10^{-7} cm/sec.

Generally, the coefficients of permeability of the sludge at the perbottom of the impounds were lower than the coefficients of permeability of the sludge at the upper sludge layers. However, which we have the values obtained were still higher than the 10⁻⁷ cm/sec that the braining the values for the silt layer are very close to the State requirements for an impervious liner, they do not fully satisfy the requirements.

In order to make further evaluations, it was proposed that core borings be taken through the dike areas to determine the type of soil material under the dikes, and to evaluate if the dikes were constructed on permeable or impermeable materials. The borings through the dike would be carried down through the silt layers to the Brunswick Formation to determine the depth to the aquifer. Determinations would be made of the permeability of the soil at selected depths in order to evaluate the level of vertical percolation.

As an additional part of this study, wells registered with the State of New Jersey within 2 miles of the impounds and Cyanamid's closed landfill would be located and tabulated with available information. A map of the Brunswick Formation aquifer would also be provided.

Core borings were taken and samples collected during the period October 21 to November 5, 1981. Eleven (11) borings were taken to a total of 284 feet.

2. TEST BORINGS

Eleven test borings were taken during the period October 21 to November 5, 1981 by P. J. Healey Company of Fanwood, New Jersey. The borehole locations are shown in Sheet 1 of 4 of the attached plans. The depths of the borings varied depending on the thickness of the fill material, the thickness of the sludge and underlying layers, and the depth to the Brunswick Shale.

Three of the test borings went into the Brunswick Shale. These were B-1, B-3, and B-4, with the shale encountered at depths of \$\mathbb{X}\$ 38 feet, 38.5 feet and 29 feet respectively. Sludge was found in 8 of the 11 boreholes, indicating that the red clay, sand and gravel fill was placed on sludge in most cases.

A summary of the borings together with the depths of the dike fill material is given in Table 1.

In three of the boreholes, dike material was found to be directly on the meadow mat which is a surface layer of dead and decomposing reeds and grasses together with silt or clay. In a tidal marsh area, the meadow mat overlies a layer of gray organic silt. Generally, the organic mat extends from the surface to a depth varying from two feet to more than twelve feet. Highly organic sand, silt, clayey silt extend down to the underlying formation for variable depths.

TABLE 1
TEST BORING DATA

	OREHOLE ESIGNATION	TOTAL BOREHOLE DEPTH, FT.	RED CLAY, SAND & GRAVEL FILL DEPTH, FT.	REMARKS
	B-1	38	13	Fill overlies 5 ft of sludge
	B-2	33	33	No sludge or meadow mat encountered
•	B-3	39	19	Fill overlies 4 ft. of sludge
-	B-4	29	5	Fill overlies 5 ft. of sludge
	B-5	29	10	6 ft. sludge overlies fill. Sludge also under the fill.
:	B-6	19	1.5	Sludge above and below fill
	B-6A	21	9	5 ft. of sludge above & 7 ft. of sludge below fill
	B-7	18	16	2 ft. of sludge at depth of 3 ft.
	B-8	24	22	Fill lies on meadow mat
	B-9	10	0	9.5 ft. of sludge lies on meadow mat
	B-10	24	24	Fill lies on meadow mat

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From the three boreholes that extend to the shale, a picture emerges that is consistent with the soil types of a tidal marsh. The meadow mat is typically 4 to 6 feet thick and overlies a silt layer that is 7 to 9 feet thick. Underlying the silt layer are varying amounts of sand, clay and gravel that terminate at the Brunswick Shale.

In 7 of the boreholes dike fill material were found directly on top of sludge. The sludge layer varied from a thickness of 2 feet in B-7 to over 7 feet in B-6A. No fill material was found in B-9 and the fill material was sandwiched by sludges in B-5 and B-6. The Discovery of sludge under the dike in B-5 may suggest that the sludge covers a larger area than previously thought.

The test boring logs are shown in Sheet 2 of 4 of the attached plans.

The driller's logs are attached as Appendix 1.

3. PERMEABILITY TESTS

3.1 INTRODUCTION

Permeability tests were conducted on samples taken from the core boreholes. Samples were collected from 10 of the 11 boreholes. No samples were collected from B-9, since no dike fill material was found. Only sludge was encountered in B-9.

For each of the 10 boreholes that yielded samples, permeability tests were performed on samples from varying depths. The depths tested for the different boreholes are shown in Table 2.

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3.2 DESCRIPTION OF PERMEABILITY TEST

The coefficient of permeability was calculated using the falling head test method on a boring sample. The boring sample is placed into a permeameter cylinder and subjected to a head of water. The head at the beginning of the test is recorded and then at a later time during the test the level of water in the pipette is measured again. The coefficient of permeability is calculated for each time test and then these values are combined to yield an average coefficient of permeability for the sample.

The formula used to calculate the falling head permeability was:

$$K = 2.3 \frac{\text{aL}}{\text{AT}} \log_{10} \frac{\text{Ho}}{\text{H}}$$

where:

K = coefficient of permeability, cm/sec

A = cross sectional area of permeameter, cm²

L = length of specimen, cm

a = cross sectional area of standpipe (pipette), cm²

T = time of test, sec.

Ho = head at start of test, cm

H = head at end of test, cm

It should be noted that the variables, A, L, and a are constant for each sample.

4.3 PERMEABILITY VALUES

The average coefficient of permeability for each sample tested is given in Table 2. Also given in Table 2 is the logged material type encountered at the depth at which the sample was taken.

The coefficients of permeability of the dike material tested ranged from 3×10^{-2} to 5×10^{-6} cm/sec. Although all the dike material was classified by the driller as clay, sand and gravel fill, the material varied from borehole to borehole. In order to put the coefficients of permeability into proper perspective, comparison can be made with the values listed below for various soil types.

Soil Type	cm/sec
Gravel	10^2 to 3 x 10^{-1}
Sand	3×10^{-1} to 10^{-3}
Very fine sands and silts mixtures of sand with silt mixtures of silt with clay	10^{-3} to 10^{-7}
Clay	10^{-7} or less

TABLE 2

COEFFICIENTS OF PERMEABILITY OF SAMPLES FROM TEST
BORINGS AT AMERICAN CYANAMID WARNER'S PLANT IMPOUNDS

BOREHOLE DESIGNATION	SAMPLE DEPTH	COEFFICIENT OF PERMEABILITY CM/SEC	MATERIAL TYPE
B-1	13'-15'	3.53×10^{-5}	Sludge
•	15'-18'	7.40×10^{-6}	Sludge
	18'-20'	1.46×10^{-5}	Organic Silt
	20'-23'	8.40×10^{-6}	Organic Silt
	29'-31'	7.68×10^{-4}	Sand & Gravel w/clay
	37'-38'	3.44×10^{-3}	Shale Fragments
B-2	8'-10'	2.82 x 10 ⁻⁴ BERNY	Clay, Sand & Gravel
	15'-18'	2.16×10^{-2}	> Clay, Sand & Gravel
B-3	8'-10'	2.88×10^{-2}	Clay & Gravel
	13'-15'	6.65×10^{-3}	Clay & Gravel
•	18'-20'	7.53×10^{-6}	Sludge
	20'-23'	1.17×10^{-5}	Sludge
	23'-25'	5.67×10^{-3}	Peat
	28'-31'	6.06×10^{-4}	Sand & Gravel w/clay
В -4	3'-5'	7.46×10^{-5}	Clay, Sand & Gravel
	9'-10'	7.41×10^{-6}	Sludge
	11'-13'	1.30×10^{-6}	Peat
	13'-16'	3.63×10^{-5}	Peat & Fine to Medium Sand
	16'-20'	3.79×10^{-4}	Fine to Med. Sand
	20'-23'	1.99×10^{-5}	Fine Sand & Silt
	25'-29'	4.31×10^{-6}	Clay, Sand & Gravel
B-5	10'-13'	8.94×10^{-6}	Clay, Sand & Gravel
	16'-19'	1.29×10^{-5}	Sludge
	21'-24'	2.80×10^{-6}	Sludge

TABLE 2, Cont'd.

COEFFICIENTS OF PERMEABILITY OF SAMPLES FROM TEST
BORINGS AT AMERICAN CYANAMID WARNER'S PLANT IMPOUNDS

BOREHOLE DESIGNATION	SAMPLE DEPTH	COEFFICIENT OF PERMEABILITY CM/SEC	MATERIAL TYPE
B-6	10'-13'	6.19×10^{-5}	Sludge
B-6A	5'-8'	2.53×10^{-5}	Clay, Sand & Gravel
	13'-16'	3.68×10^{-6}	Sludge
· ·	18'-21'	6.65×10^{-6}	Sludge
B-7	5'-8'	2.03×10^{-6}	Clay, Sand & Gravel
	13'-15'	7.63×10^{-3}	Clay, Sand & Gravel
	15'-18'	8.23×10^{-4}	Peat
B-8	5'-8'	3.81×10^{-3}	Clay, Sand & Gravel
	10'-13'	4.48×10^{-5}	Clay, Sand & Gravel
	15'-18'	1.06×10^{-5}	Clay, Sand & Gravel
	21'-24'	4.51×10^{-6}	Peat
B-10	10'-13'	1.83×10^{-4}	Clay, Sand & Gravel
	15'-18'	4.61×10^{-6}	Clay, Sand & Gravel
	21'-24'	7.88×10^{-6}	Clay, Sand & Gravel

On the basis of the permeability results, the dike material varied from fill containing mostly sand to a mixture of sand, silt and clay. It is also probable that the dike was not properly compacted when it was placed. It is obvious that the values obtained for the dikes cannot satisfy the State requirements of 10^{-7} cm/sec for an impermeable liner or cut-off wall.

The coefficients of permeability of the sludge samples tested ranged from 6 x 10^{-5} to 3 x 10^{-6} cm/sec, which is consistent with the values obtained from the two previous studies. In the previous studies the permeability ranged from 1 x 10^{-4} to 2 x 10^{-7} cm.

The dikes were placed directly on the meadow mat and organic silt that was found in the tidal marsh. The values of permeability of the underlying material ranged from 6 x 10⁻³ to 1 x 10⁻⁶ cm/sec. In some cases, the dikes were placed on the sludge. Generally, the values obtained for the coefficients of permeability do not satisfy the value of 10⁻⁷ cm/sec that the State regulations stipulate for an impermeable liner.

4. WELL DATA

There are 18 wells registered with the State of New Jersey that are located within a two mile radius of the edge of the impounds. Of these, 12 tap the Brunswick Shale aquifer and 6 are drilled into the Raritan Formation. Twenty-eight (28) wells that are registered with the State of New Jersey are located within 2 miles of Cyanamid's closed landfill in Linden. Eight (8) of these wells are within 2 miles of both sites. A list of the 38 wells that are within 2 miles of the impounds and/or the closed landfill is given in Table 3. Also shown in Table 3 are other available data for the wells including name of owner, location, year drilled, casing diameter, yield (if any), depth, screening depth, static level, pumping level, drawdown, depth to bedrock and the New Jersey Atlas Reference Number.

The locations of the wells are shown in Sheet 3 of 4 of the attached plans.

of the 38 wells, only 14 have been drilled since 1960, and the more recent ones were drilled as monitoring wells. Fourteen of the wells were drilled in the 1941-1960 period and 6 were drilled prior to 1920. All excepting 6 of the wells were drilled into the Brunswick Formation. Twenty-seven of the wells are located in Linden, and 11 in Carteret. All 6 wells that tap the Raritan Formation are located in Carteret.

Although recent figures for water withdrawal from the Brunswick Formation are not readily available, it was reported that in 1966 some 6 to 7 million gallons per day of water was withdrawn by industry and public water supply companies from the Brunswick Shale in the Rahway area. The Brunswick Shale yields water from fracture openings and from pore spaces in the interbedded sandstone. Recharge to the Brunswick Formation occurs through the hydraulically continuous overlying glacial drift. Both water table and artesian conditions exist in the Brunswick Shale. Artesian conditions occur generally at depths greater than 100 feet. In 1966, the average yield of 150 industrial, public supply and domestic wells in the Rahway area was 75 gallons per minute, with an average specific capacity of 2.2 gpm per foot, and average well depth of 218 feet.

Groundwater from the Brunswick Shale is locally high in sulfate, dissolved solids, and hardness. This is due to solution of gypsum and calcite in the formation. Concentrations of these constituents increase with depth. Brackish water is contained in the Brunswick Shale along the tidal reach of the Rahway River and northward along the Arthur Kill.

A bedrock geologic map showing contours on the top of the Brunswick Shale is enclosed for reference.

TABLE 3
WELL DATA

	WELL NO.	OWNER	LOCATION	YEAR DRILLED	CASING DIA. (IN.)	YIELD (GPM)	DEPTH (FT.)	SCREEN SETTING/ CASING DEPTH	STATIC LEVEL	PUMPING LEVEL/ HOURS PUMPED	DRAWDOWN (FT.)	DEPTH TO BEDROCK	N. J. ATLAS REF. NO.	REMARKS
	1.	LINDEN Vincent Pezzuto	108 W. Elm St.	1981	6	12	225	50	30	125/5	95	35	26-31-	
	Τ•	VIIICCITC 1 C224CO	100 12 55.							·			328	
	2.	Solvents Recovery	120 Sylvan St.	1981	2	-	23	.3	9	-/-	-	16.5	26-31- 358	Monitorin Well
٠ ا		of N.Y.		1981	2	•••	22.5	2.5	8	-/-	-	20	26-31- 358	п
	3.	Exxon	Bayway Refinery	1980	4		12	2	8	-/-	-		26-32- 194	22 Monit. Wells
	4.	Citgo	So. Wood Ave. Citgo Terminal	1981	26	- .	20	20	-	-/-		-	26-32- 194	Used for Recovery
	5.	Standard Oil		1910	8		383		25	-/-	-	_	26-22 - 78	
•	. *	Standard Oil				-	1566	-	22	-/-	-	-	26-22- 78	
	6.	United Lacquer	100 Elizabeth Ave.	1947	8	100	500	-	-	-/-	-	-	26-31- 319	
	7.	Volupte, Inc.	Edgar & Dennis Sts.	1935	8 -	16	368	-	-	150/			26-22- 749	
	8.	Eastern Packing Co.	416 Linden Ave.	1950	8	100	400	_	11	138/	-	-	26-21- 995	

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		LINDEN, Cont'd.		•										
	9.	Linden Milk Co.		1922		50	140	-	26	-/-	<u>.</u> .	· _	26-31- 339	
<u> </u>	10.	Park Plastic Co.	940 Park Ave.	1950	6	60	255	32	7	65/6	****	-	26-22- 772	
14-	11.	Morton Sand	Rt. 25	1949	8/6	8	155	23	45	88/2	-	-	26-21- 983	
	12,	Rosehill Cem.		1909		15	209	-	15	17/	~-	-	26-21- 997	
. •	13.	Pacific Airmotive Corp.	Linden Airport	1950	8	80	300	31	5	-/-	100	-	26-31- 355	
	14.	Pa. RR Station		1903	-	21	122		-	-/-	-	-		
	15.	W. Melanchuk	828 Smith St.	1952	6	5	96	40	12	-/-	-	-	25-31- 343	
	16.	Linden Cem. Assoc.	near RR	1912	-	21	71	-		-/-	-	-	26-21- 997	
	17.	Hollywood Dr.In	Edgar Rd.	1950	8	20	170	30	19	25/	- .	-	26-31- 332	

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WE.		LOCATION	YEAR DRILLED	CASING DIA. (IN.)	YIELD (GPM)	DEPTH (FT.)	SCREEN SETTING/ CASING DEPTH	STATIC LEVEL	PUMPING LEVEL/ HOURS PUMPED	DRAWDOWN (FT.)	DEPTH TO BEDROCK	N. J. ATLAS REF. NO.	REMARKS
18			1957	6	31	245	160' 9"	23	31/8	8	-	26-31- 332	
19	. Linden Ice Co.	18 Donaldson Pl.	1959	8	70	550	40	19	110/8	91	30		
20	· Apex Rendezvous	1135 W. Eliz. Ave.	1972	6	90	440	30	25	250/5	225	-	26-31- 328	
21	. Layne N.Y.	1250 W. Eliz. Ave.	1955	12	30	306	36	20	120/6	100	-	26-31- 342	
22	. Smith Kessler	1414 E. Linden Ave.	1965	8	65	360	27	8	150/8	142	65	26-31- 372	·
23	3. Dog Pound	Range Rd.	1972	10/6	20	460	54	7	300/7	293		26-31- 388	
24	Newark Steel Barrel & Drum Co.	Blancke Ave. So. of Stiles	1930 1930 1927 1937	6 10 -	9 15 16 50	247 39 - 208	- - -	18 8 14 15	75/ -/ - 120/ 33/	- - -	51 - - 40		
25	5. Airline Foods	1130 W. Eliz. Ave.	1949	8	25	266	42	25	173/5	148	37		

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	26.	LINDEN, Cont'd Distillers Co. Ltd.	•	1934 1934	12 12	65 23	316 306	33	4.5 2.5	123/8 122/8	115.5	33 35	 -	
-1.6	27.	C H & John Winans	Wood Ave. & 14th St.	1903 1903	6 6	750 750	200 146	-	-	-/- -/-	- ·	16	-	
1		CARTERET											. ,	
	28.	Exxon	Roosevelt Ave.	1981	4	-	25	5	10	-/-	-	18	26-31- 639	For Moni- toring
	29.	Roselle Plastic Corp.	51 Lafayette St.	1959	6	60	136	76	30	95/8	65	40	26-32- 455	Raritan Formatior
	30.	Vanguard	Roosevelt Blvd. & Lafayette St.	1969	6	15	300	63	12	250/4	238	60 '	26-32- 451	60' Argilite
	31.	Gulf Stream Dev.		1967	8	100	145	54	20	105/5	85	40'	26-32- 417	40' Diabase
,	32.	Wilgreen Ind.	500 Milik St.	1967	8	100	300	50	12	-/-	-	45	26-31- 628	
	33.	Metro Glass	Minue St.	1963	8	120	200	42	15	52/8	32	-	26-31- 637	

TABLE 3, Cont'd.
WELL DATA

	WELL NO.	OWNER	LOCATION	YEAR DRILLED	CASING DIA. (IN.)	YIELD (GPM)	DEPTH (FT.)	SCREEN SETTING/ CASING DEPTH	STATIC LEVEL	PUMPING LEVEL/ HOURS PUMPED	DRAWDOWN (FT.)	рЕРТН ТО ВЕDROCK	N. J. ATLAS REF. NO.	REMARK
	•	CARTERET, Cont	:'d.											
	34.	Edward Ogarek	Minue Rd.	1965	6	40	100	52	20	40/2	20	-	26-31- 637	
-17-	35.	Kagon & Dixon Co.	Blair Rd.	1969	8	55	440	49	20	250/8	230	· _	26-31- 651	
i	36.	United States		1954	-,	55	42		10	-/-	·			Raritan
		Metals & Ref. Co.		1954	-	50	40	-	15	-/-	· -	-	479 -	Formation "
	37.	Amer. Agricultural Chemical Co.	L	1942		20	65	-	6	-/-	-	65	26-32- 482	Raritan Formation
	38.	Chrome Steel Co.		1906		6	58	-	10	-/-	-	90	26-32- 484	Raritan Formation

5. EVALUATION AND ANALYSIS

The borings indicate that the dikes do not extend below the original ground line, but were built on top of the meadow mat. There are no indications of clay cut-off walls, in fact there is very little evidence of low permeability material being used for the construction of the dikes.

The meadow mat is more permeable than the silt subsurface with the coefficient of permeability ranging from 6×10^{-3} to 1×10^{-6} cm/sec. This can result in lateral movement of leachate into the surrounding rivers and streams. This lateral movement should be confined within the impound area by impervious cut-off walls. Since the investigation did not indicate the presence of any cut-off walls, consideration should be given to the construction of these impervious cut-off walls to confine leachate within the impound area.

Another area of concern is the effectiveness of the dikes. In areas that offer evidence of dikes, the dikes were placed on the original ground. However, the material used for the construction of the dikes afford very little barrier to the movement of leachate. The coefficient of permeability of the dike material ranges from 3×10^{-2} to 5×10^{-6} cm/sec. These values are significantly higher than the State stipulated 10^{-7} cm/sec for impermeable liner. With the key concerns of the Federal and State regulatory agencies being the protection of local surface and groundwater, the existing dikes cannot be offered as the means of confining leachate to the impound areas.

The borings indicate that in some areas there are no dike material present. In other areas, dikes were placed on top of the sludge. In seven of the eleven boreholes, dike fill material were found directly on top of sludge. In one borehole, no fill material was found, and in two boreholes fill material was sandwiched by sludge. Discovery of sludge under the dike in B-5, between Impound No. 5 and the Rahway River, may suggest that the sludge covers a larger area than indicated in the plans. Hand probings along the northern boundary of Impound No. 3 opposite Second Island, did not encounter any evidence of dikes. The probings indicated that sludge was placed directly on the meadow mat. Hand probings also indicated that no dike exists along the southern boundary of Impound No. 2.

Borings indicate that the depth to bedrock from the bottom of the sludge layer varies from 16 to 20 feet. The sludge overlies a layer of meadow mat 4 to 6 feet thick, which is underlaid by the organic silt layer 7 to 9 feet thick. Between the silt and bedrock is a layer of varying amounts of sand, clay and gravel.

The depth to bedrock is consistent with the values obtained during test borings at the closed American Cyanamid landfill. Previous studies indicated that the coefficient of permeability in the silt layer ranges from 6 x 10^{-6} to 2 x 10^{-7} cm/sec. Movement of water through the silt layer would therefore be very slow. However, the coefficient of the sand, clay and gravel layer that overlies the Brunswick Shale varies from 3 x 10^{-3} to 4 x 10^{-6} cm/sec, which indicates a

more rapid movement of water within this layer. This layer conforms to the glacial drift of the Wisconsin and consists of reddishbrown clay, sand and gravel, unstratified and unsorted. This layer and the Brunswick Shale are hydraulically continuous in most areas, and infiltrated precipitation percolates directly through the glacial drift and into the fracture openings of the shale.

The coefficients of permeability of the sludge samples tested ranged from 6×10^{-5} to 3×10^{-6} cm/sec, which is consistent with values obtained from the two previous studies. In most cases, the water table was found to be at the surface of the sludge layer. When a hydrostatic head is applied to the water in the sludge layer, it is believed that the water containing possible pollutants could definitely percolate into the Brunswick Shale. Most of the restraint to movement of groundwater is provided by the bottom silt layer of soil. However, even this slow rate of movement would not stop infiltration into the Brunswick Shale. The only possibility of stopping or limiting infiltration into the Brunswick Shale aquifer is by capping the impounds.

It should be noted that while efforts are being made to determine methods of preventing possible contamination of neighboring ground and surface waters, there is evidence of liquid draining from the impounds into the Rahway River. While locating test hole B-8, one of our engineers noticed a wooden box culvert in the back of the dike between Impound #6 and the Rahway River. Blue and green liquid was draining from the culvert into the River. It was observed

that the plants and soils in the immediate vicinity of the culvert were stained by the liquid draining from the impound. Localized impact on the Rahway River was also observed. The approximate location of the box culvert is shown in Sheet 1 of 4 of the accompanying plans. Steps should be taken immediately to stop the flow of liquid into the River, and efforts should be directed towards the location of other possible drains. Problems can develop if the spills are noticed and the Coast Guard is called in to investigate. Other State and Federal agencies, including the N.J.

DEP and the U.S. EPA, also have jurisdiction over spills into surface waters.

There are eighteen (18) wells registered with the State of New Jersey that are located within a two mile radius of the boundaries of the six impounds. Twelve (12) of these wells were drilled into the Brunswick Shale aquifer and six (6) tap the Raritan Formation aquifer. Of the eighteen wells, 3 were drilled before 1910, 4 between 1920 and 1960, 6 in the 1960's, and 5 since 1970. Of the newer wells, the 3 sets drilled in 1980 to 1981 are used exclusively for monitoring purposes. Four (4) of the wells drilled since 1954 tap the Raritan Formation.

There are only five (5) registered wells within a one mile radius of the impounds. Of these, only two (2) are in the Brunswick Shale, and these were drilled by Exxon and Citgo for monitoring purposes. The other three (3) were drilled into the Raritan Formation. The aquifers of the Raritan Formation are separated hydraulically from the Brunswick Shale by the basal Raritan fine clay.

The literature indicates that the groundwater from the Brunswick Shale is locally high in sulfate, dissolved solids, and hardness due to solution of gypsum and calcite in the formation. It is also possible that the Brunswick Formation under the impounds contains brackish water due to salt water intrusion from the tidal Rahway River.

It is possible, therefore, to minimize and contain infiltration into the Brunswick Shale by capping the impounds.

6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The results of the three studies conducted by M. Disko Associates at the sludge impounds can be summarized as follows:

- 1. There will be slow movement of water within the sludge based on the measured coefficients of permeability. Any downward vertical movement of water would result in leachate percolating into the underlying meadow mat and silt layers and eventually into the Brunswick Shale.
- 2. The measured coefficients of permeability of the underlying silt layer indicate that the movement of water within this layer would be extremely slow. However, the permeability does not satisfy the State requirement for impervious liners.
- 3. The borings indicate that the dikes are very ineffective in the prevention of lateral movement of leachate out of the impounds. The permeability of the dike material is far above the State requirements, and would not act as a barrier to leachate movement.
- 4. The dikes do not extend below the original ground line, but were built on top of the meadow mat. There is no evidence of clay cut-off walls, or any other type of cut-off walls.

 Even though the silt layer would afford some resistance to movement of water, the water could move laterally in the meadow mat and leave the impound area. This can lead to possible contamination of the surface and groundwaters in the area.

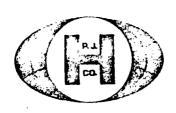
In view of the above, it is recommended that consideration should be given to the capping of the top and sides of the lagoons. This "sealing" of the impounds would prevent rainfall from constantly percolating into the impounds and causing a hydraulic head to force leachate into the meadow mat both vertically and laterally. The meadow mat must be blocked using cut-off walls to prevent lateral flow of leachate.

Capping of the impounds can be done by placing a 12" layer of impermeable clay having a coefficient of permeability of less than 10^{-7} cm/sec over the top and sides of the impounds, totally enclosing the sludge materials and the dikes. The cap will prevent water from constantly entering the sludge deposits thereby reducing the long-term potential of leachate contamination of the Brunswick Shale aquifer. In addition, soil would be necessary to provide a base for vegetation in order to stabilize the "cap" from erosion. The clay cover should be tied into a clay cut-off blanket that would surround the impound area. This clay cut-off blanket would prevent lateral flow of leachate from the impounds.

The entire area of the clay cap would have to be sloped to drain with a minimum of 1% slope. To prevent soil erosion, the clay layer should be covered with a layer of topsoil that could promote the growth of grass. The total cap cover might be 2 feet or somewhat more.

The design of an impound stabilization plan utilizing the concept of capping and cut-off blankets can only be done after a topographic survey of the area is available. When a survey is completed, a preliminary design can provide the quantity of clay that would be needed, the depth of the cut-off trenches, and the slope to be provided for drainage. From a preliminary design, a preliminary cost estimate can be obtained.

APPENDIX 1



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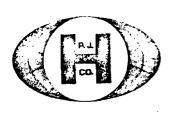


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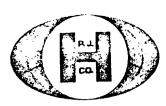
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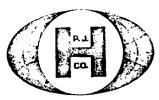


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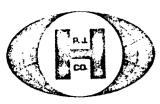
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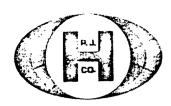


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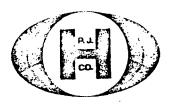
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TEST BORING DATA TEST HOLE NO. Project: American Cyanamid Carteret, New Jersey Sheet Location: Philip J. Healey Company **Boring Contractor:** Surface Elevation: Ground water observations Inspector: 1175/81 11/5/81 Depth: Date: Date Started: 11/5/81 Depth: Date: Date Completed: **BLOWS ON SPOON** SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION Casing SAMPLE NO. AND REC. ELEV. Blows DEPTH PROFILE CHANGE 24 Sludge 5 Peat at 9.5' No samples or blow counts required. 10.0 10 End of Boring 15 20 25 35

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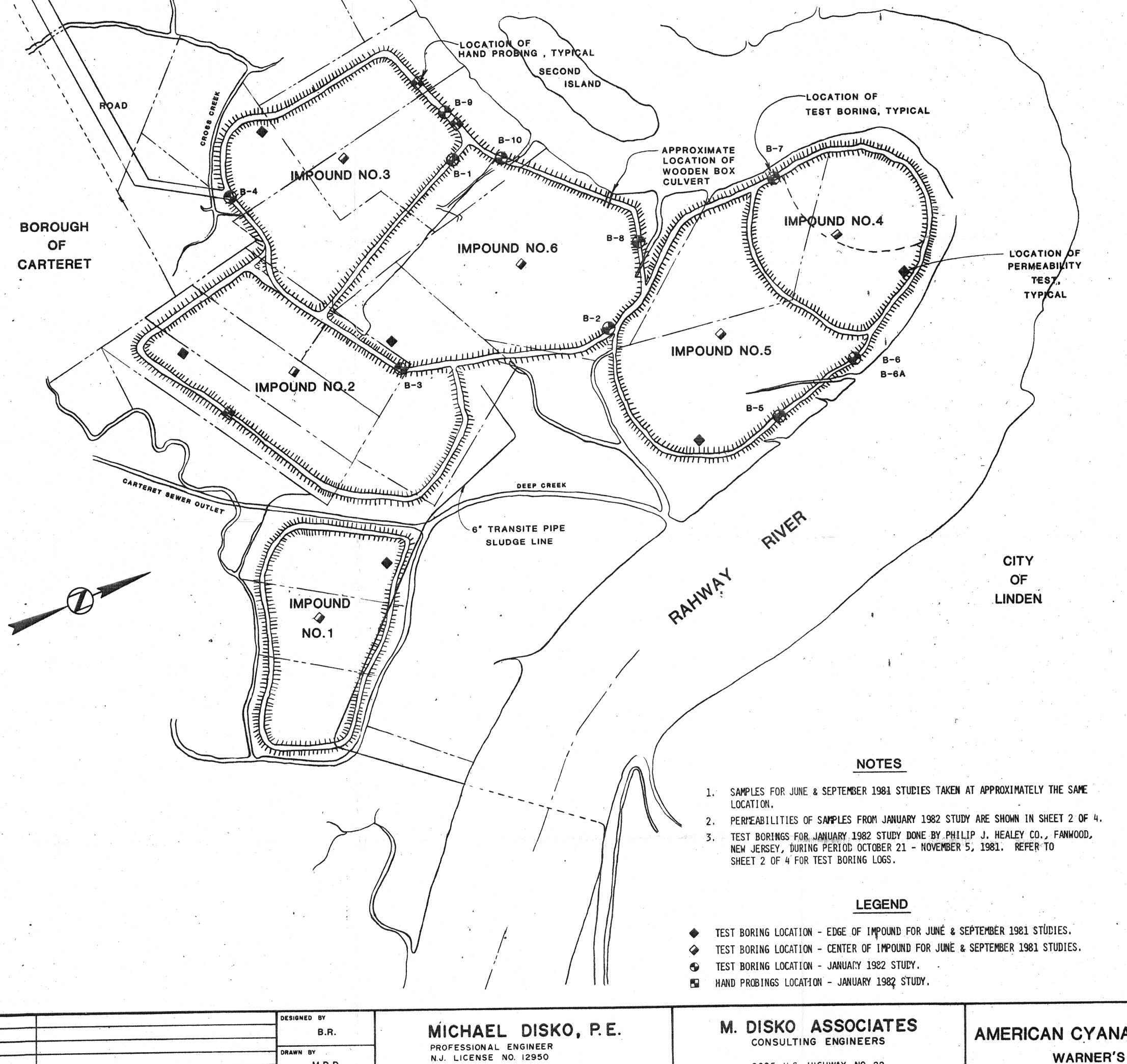


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REVISIONS

	JUNE 1981 STUD	Y						
	TOP SLUDGE LAYER							
LOCATION	FIELD DENSITY LBS./CU.FT.	PERMEABILITY CM./SEC.						
IMPOUND #1								
EDGE	59.90	1.19 X 10 ⁻⁴						
CENTER	51.51	6.67 X 10 -8						
IMPOUND #2		-6						
EDGE	36.42	6.61 X 10 ⁻⁶						
CENTER	46.75	6.05 X 10 -5						
IMPOUNE #3								
EDGI	81.88	4.02 X 10 ⁻⁵						
CENTER	81.32	2.63 X 10 ⁻⁵						
IMPOUNE #4								
EDGE	51.96	1.03 × 10 ⁻⁴						
CENTER	48.92	5.78 X 10 ⁻⁶						
IMPOUND #5								
EDGE	, 39.70	8.06 X 10 ⁻⁶						
CENTER	50.60	2,28 X 10 ⁻⁵						
IMPOUND #6								
EDGE	66.47	1,34 X 10 -6						
CENTER	42.31	1.62 X 10 -5						

SEPTEMBER 1981 STUDY									
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LOCATION	BOTTOM SLUDGE LAYER	UNDERLYING SOIL							
IMPOUND #1									
EDGE	1.49 X 10 ⁻⁵	1.07 × 10 ⁻⁶							
CENTER	3,65 X 10 -5	2.43 X 10 ⁻⁶							
IMPOUND #2									
EDGE	1.67 X 10 -6	3.00 X 10 ⁻⁶							
CENTER	1.05 X 10 ⁻⁵	2.20 X 10 ⁻⁷							
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EDGE	2.58 X 10 ⁻⁶	1.63 X 10 ⁻⁶							
CENTER	5.90 X 10 ⁻⁶	1.44 X 10 ⁻⁶							
IMPOUND #4									
EDGE	8.07 X 10 ⁻⁶	6.34 X 10 ⁻⁶							
CENTER	3.06 X 10 ⁻⁵	4.87 X 10 ⁻⁶							
IMPOUND #5									
EDGE	8.00 X 10 -5	3.87 X 10 ⁻⁶							
CENTER	3.09 X 10 ⁻⁵	2.40 X 10 -7							
IMPOUND #6									
SDGE	9.15 X 10 ⁻⁶	4.12 X 10 -6							
CENTER	2.67 X 10 ⁻⁶	3.25 X 10 ⁻⁷							

		JANUARY	1982 STUDY
LOCATION	TOTAL BOREHOLE DEPTH, FT.		REMARKS
B - 1	38	13	FILL OVERLIES 5 FT. SLUDGE
8-2	33	33	NO SLUDGE OR MEADOW MAT ENCOUNTERED
B-3	39	19	FILL OVERLIES 4 FT. SLUDGE
B-4	29	5	FILL OVERLIES 5 FT. SLUDGE
8-5	29	10	SLUDGE ABOVE AND BELOW FILL
8-6	19	1.5	SLUDGE ABOVE AND BELOW FILL
B-6A	21	. 9	SLUDGE ABOVE AND BELOW FILL
8-7	16	16	FILL ABOVE AND BELOW SLUDGE
8-8	24	. 22	FILL LIES ON MEADOW MAT
8-9	10	0	NO FILL. SLUDGE LIES ON MEADOW MAT
8-10	24	24	FILL LIES ON MEADOW MAT

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